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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 773
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Peabody High School Lady Tide on its outstanding basketball season in 2001-2002.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those gifted student-athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this state; and

WHEREAS, the girls' basketball team at Peabody High School in Trenton is comprised of such estimable Tennesseans who achieved remarkable success this season, winning the District 16-A and Region 8-A Championships; and

WHEREAS, through diligence, dedication, and hard work, they maximized their considerable talents and reached the pinnacle of high school athletics; and

WHEREAS, in compiling an outstanding 29-5 record, they defeated a talented squad from Huntingdon High School to advance to the 2002 TSSAA Class A State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Tide opened the tournament with an impressive victory over Oneida High School before falling to Celina in a hard-fought Final Four game; and

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WHEREAS, the young women of Peabody High School have ensured that they will forever be remembered as the members of one of the greatest high school teams ever to grace the basketball courts of Trenton and this state; and

WHEREAS, their appearance in the State Tournament marked the triumphal conclusion of a stalwart effort that began many months ago with strenuous conditioning workouts and practices; and

WHEREAS, the tremendously talented Lady Tide athletes included Seniors Dani Howard, Erica Howell, Jana Ingram, Jeri Jones, LaToya Jordan, and Neka Wells; Sophomores Felicia Anderson, Jessica Ford, Tanika Long, Brandy Sturdivant, and Adrianne Taylor; and Freshmen Danielle Barnett, Jessica Bobbitt, Ebony Cook, Celeste Cox, Jennifer Simpson, and Paige Wallsmith; and

WHEREAS, the team was ably guided by highly regarded Head Coach Steve Patterson, who helped precipitate the team's unrivalled success by sharing the players' deep love and great knowledge of the sport; and

WHEREAS, Principal and Athletic Director Mickey Young and Superintendent Larry Ridings provided their fullest support to the Lady Tide; and

WHEREAS, the team's championship effort was assisted greatly by the efforts of Managers Stephanie Gill and Selina Strother, Statisticians Jason Carter and Mrs. Amy Sanderson, and Camera Person Stephanie Gill; and

WHEREAS, these young women epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success in sport, while evidencing the most circumspect character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young student-athletes not only made possible a championship basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the 2002 Peabody High School Lady Tide for its success on the court and for serving as a fine example of the high quality of Tennessee's youth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we join the administration, faculty, staff, students, and fans of Peabody High School in celebrating the Lady Tide's outstanding 2002 basketball season and honor and commend the talented young women who achieved this supreme success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express to them our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.